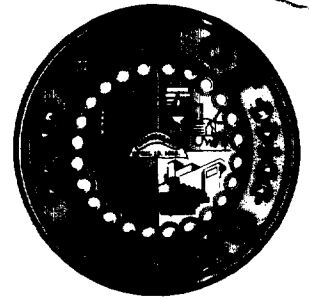




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Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I have learned, with great distress, of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM 920235), through which the Federal Communications Commission proposes splitting and realigning all of the proposed radio channels.

I must advise you that I feel most public safety agencies simply cannot afford to totally change out and replace their governmental radio systems. I know for a fact that my agency cannot.

In fact, I predict that these new proposed rules will create financial disaster and untenable system degradation to the public-safety radio system throughout the country.

I suggest a time extension for the proposed rules because February 26 does permit sufficient time for public-safety agencies to analyze the Proposed Rule Making and to prepare comments. This short time period for public-safety agencies to respond makes it appear as if the FCC does not care about concerns over these new rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Raymond M. Schartau'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Raymond' being particularly prominent.

RAYMOND M. SCHARTAU
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